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TAGS: PK SHUN SHIP UNICA WFP
SUBJ: WFP PROGRAM FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

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2. ENBOFF DISCUSSED ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES WITH DEPARTING WFP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE BARNSDALE. BARNSDALE SAID THE CURRENTLY APPROVED PROGRAM CALLS FOR \$5.5 MILLION OF FOOD ASSISTANCE BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

WHEAT --- 15,200 TONS

BUTTER OIL --- 222 TONS

DRIED SKIN MILK (DM) --- 640 TONS

PULSES --- 1,300 TONS

THE PULSES WILL BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOP IN EXCHANGE FOR 2,600 TONS OF WHEAT. BARNESDALE HAS NO SHIPPING PAPERS YET AND DOES NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THE REST OF THE COMMODITIES ARE COMING FROM. UNTIL IT ARRIVES, SOMETIME IN APRIL, WFP WILL BORROW THE FOOD FROM GOP STOCKS.

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3. THE ABOVE PROGRAM WAS BASED ON SUPPLYING 185,000

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REFUGEES FOR SIX MONTHS. IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION, WFP HAS ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO DOUBLE THE SIZE OF THE PROGRAM, TO \$11 MILLION, AND BEGIN DISTRIBUTING THE ALREADY ARRANGED FOR COMMODITIES AT DOUBLE THE SIX MONTH RATE. BARNDALE SAID HE EXPECTS THE REQUEST TO BE APPROVED THOUGH HE IS NOT SURE WHERE THE ADDITIONAL \$6.5 MILLION OF FOOD WILL COME FROM. HE SAID HE COULD USE THE FOOD ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO REPAY THE GGP AS THE SECOND TRANCHE OF A DOUBLED WFP PROGRAM, AND REPAY THE GGP AT A LATER DATE.

4. EVEN IF THE WFP EFFORT REACHES \$11 MILLION, IT WILL MAKE UP LESS THAN HALF THE UNDER PROJECTED FOOD BUDGET OF \$25 MILLION. THE \$25 MILLION IS BASED ON REFUGEE POPULATION OF 500,000 WHICH WILL BE EASILY EXCEEDED BY THE TIME THE PROGRAM REALLY GETS UNDERWAY.

5. BARNDALE, WHO WILL BE IN ROME JANUARY 18, SAID HE WILL MAKE A PITCH FOR MORE PEOPLE TO HELP DISTRIBUTE THE FOOD. HE ENVISIONED WFP BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND REPORTING TO UNHCR WHO WOULD ALSO HANDLE THE DISTRIBUTION OF OTHER COMMODITIES, E.G., TENTS, BLANKETS ETC. BARNDALE SAID HE WOULD WELCOME U.S. PL-480 TITLE II MEAT AS WFP'S CURRENT BUDGET WILL NOT LONG BE ABLE TO COPE WITH THE RISING NUMBERS OF AFGHAN REFUGEES.
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